

A Regular Meeting of the Troy Library Advisory Board was held on Thursday, February 12, 2009, in the Conference Room of the Troy Public Library. Chair Kul Gauri called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Kul Gauri
Lynne Gregory
Nancy Wheeler
Audre Zembrzuski

Cathleen Russ, Library Director

Guests: Bonny Avery, Head of Youth Services for Troy Public Library

Resolution #LB-2009-2-01

Moved by Gregory

Seconded by Zembrzuski

RESOLVED, to excuse Belinda Shelton Duggan and Joel Xu from the Library Advisory Board meeting.

Yes: 4—Gauri, Gregory, Wheeler, Zembrzuski

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Resolution #LB-2009-2-02

Moved by Wheeler

Seconded by Gregory

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the Library Advisory Board meeting, held on Thursday, January 11, 2009, be approved, with one change—the meeting date is listed as Thursday, January 8. That should be changed to January 11.

Yes: 4—Gauri, Gregory, Wheeler, Zembrzuski

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution #LB-2009-2-03

Moved by Gregory

Seconded by Wheeler

RESOLVED, That the agenda for the Thursday, January 8, 2009, meeting, be approved.

Yes: 4—Gauri, Gregory, Wheeler, Zembrzuski

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT—None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS—Zembrzuski distributed a very positive article about public libraries that appeared in the March issue of Women's Day magazine. She is also sending copies to the Governor and state senators and representatives. Gauri would like to see the library's revenue projections at the next meeting. Wheeler would like background information about how/when/why the library and museum were combined into one department for the next meeting.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S COMMENTS—none

POSTPONED ITEMS

There were no Postponed Items.

INTRODUCTION TO YOUTH SERVICES—Bonny Avery, head of Youth Services, gave the LAB members a description of YS Librarians' job responsibilities and gave them a tour of the department.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Drive up materials return update

The Library Director distributed a diagram of the proposed parking lot configuration, if an outside drive-up materials return were to be implemented. The library director also shared pricing information for that project. Funds for this project were requested in the capital budget for the next fiscal year; however, the library director feels that this project has a lower priority than some other capital projects. Discussion ensued. The Library Advisory Board supports the library director's approach and took no formal action.

NEW BUSINESS

A. What else should be included in the LAB Reference Manual?

The LAB members would like to see an Organizational Chart and a pie chart which illustrates the distribution of the library's budget to staff, materials, operating costs, etc.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Director's Report—was received and filed. A copy will be attached to the minutes of this meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

Friends of the Troy Public Library—see attached report.

Gifts

The LAB members reviewed the gifts received this month.

Informational Items.

Website address for Troy Public Library calendar:

<http://sl.libcoop.net/troy/lib/eventcalendar.asp>

Contacts and Correspondence.

The Library Advisory Board members reviewed the Visitor Comments.

Adjournment

The Library Board meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M. The next meeting of the Library Advisory Board is Thursday, March 12, 2009, at 7 pm.

Kul Gauri
Chairman

Cathleen Russ
Recording Secretary

Library Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, February 12, 2009
7 p.m.

Director's Report—February

Budget

We are more than halfway through the fiscal year (ends June 30, 2009), and have used only 48% of our Operating Budget so far. This is very good!

I submitted the library's operating and capital budgets to John Lamerato, on time on Monday, February 9, 2009. These budgets will be incorporated into the overall city budget, and presented to the city council at several upcoming city council meetings (will advise you as to dates). I will let you know if there are any significant changes to either budget.

Personnel

Bonny Avery, head of Youth Services for 31 years, is retiring on Friday, February 20. At the city council meeting on Monday, February 16, 2009, a proclamation honoring Bonny's years of service will be issued at the beginning of the meeting.

Department heads will be making presentations to the LAB at their regularly-scheduled meetings starting in February. The schedule is as follows:

February 12	Bonny Avery, Youth Services
March 12	Carolyn Easter, Business Office
April 9	Lynne Lambert, Administration
May 14	Michele McQuaid, Technical Services

Suburban Library Cooperative

The City Council approved the purchase of the Polaris system for the library. I have confirmed this purchase with the Suburban Library Cooperative and will let them know of the proposed timeline for the changeover as soon as I know it.

General Library Operations

The RFID project is going well, with many regular volunteers reporting weekly. I haven't heard anything regarding the ICMA grant that I applied for, that promotes a closer working relationship between city government and the public library. I should be hearing something soon, and will let you know as soon as I do.

I gave two speeches about TPL this week, one on Monday, Feb. 9, to the Kiwanis Club, and the other on Wednesday, Feb. 11, to the Rotary. I enjoyed both groups very much and appreciated the opportunity to speak about the library.

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STRONG LIBRARIES BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES

Friends of the Troy Public Library
February 2009
Report to the Library Advisory Board

The Friends are happy to report that we have a membership of over 400 people and growing.

We celebrated our 50th anniversary with an event for members with John King, an antique book appraiser. It was attended by over 90 people and was a fun and educational evening.

Since September, we are working toward renovation of our Gift Shop and are currently awaiting some information from the City regarding updating our space. We held a January Blowout Sale, in which we sold existing merchandise, to make way for a new look and a green and more patron focused inventory. The sale was a success and we look forward to our new Friends Shop.

The Friends Book Shop partnered in an outreach project with two Athens High School students to donate over 150 boxes of books, nearly 5,000 books for the Invisible Children project. The books will be shipped to Northern Uganda to help that war torn country stock schools with books to help children become students and not soldiers. The project was spearheaded by students Adam Campbell and Kate Dickerson with the help of the Friends to collect a total of 23,700 books. The students were so excited with the outcome they have decided to continue to work with the FTPL to collect beyond the goal.

In 2008 the Friends donated over 600 boxes of books to various Troy, Michigan and U.S. organizations as well. We supported the Troy Community Center, Troy Boys and Girls Club, the Pontiac and Detroit Public Schools, Teach America Texas, Project Remnant and the St. Hugo's Soup Kitchen. The FTPL are reaching out in as many directions as possible to help those who need a hand.

The Friends of the Troy Public Library will continue on its mission to promote and support the library. We appreciate the important role of the TPL to our vibrant community, and will work for its continued excellence.

Submitted:
Rhonda Hendrickson
Communications Director